

NEWFOUNDLANDER WRITES OF LIFE AS A VOLUNTEER IN TRAINING AT HALIFAX

Allan Noseworthy Was An Engineer on the Stephano When He Heard and Obeyed the Call to the Colors

WAS ASSIGNED TO BIG GUN SQUAD

And is Making a Name for Himself as a Smart, Efficient Artilleryman—Crack Shot of His Section

Allan Noseworthy, son of Sergt. Noseworthy of the Constabulary, who enlisted at Halifax and is attached to a big gun squad, writes a couple of very interesting letters to his sister, Mrs. Joe Stick.

Allan was an engineer on the Stephano, and could not resist the call for men to defend the honour of the Empire.

He is a splendid type of young fellow, and our only regret is that he is not with the Nfd. boys.

We publish the letters, knowing that the many friends of the young man, not only at home, but abroad, will be delighted to read them.

Writing in his first letter, he says: "I just finished writing a postal to you and as I have nothing to occupy my time, I thought it would be just as well to write you a letter although I don't know what I am going to tell you."

Civilian No Longer.

"Well I am a civilian no longer. I have been sworn in, and I have drawn a full kit which includes everything that a man needs. Our squad is getting off in its drill which I may say is different from infantry drill. Everything that we do has to be done at the double and every man has to learn the semaphore.

"We are getting American guns and we expect them here every day. As soon as they arrive, we will settle right down to work. Every man has to thoroughly understand the working of the guns, so that if one gets knocked, another is ready to take his place.

"We have a very decent crowd of fellows in our squad and some of them are good singers. We pay one of the cooks five cents a day each man and so we fare a lot better than the others.

Y.M.C.A. Hall Near.

"The Y.M.C.A. have opened a hall right next to the Armory where the soldiers can go to write letters or have a read, and the church people, are having 'sociables' three and four times a week and everything is free to the enlisted man. Altogether it's a lot better than going to sea. The weather is something glorious, considering the time of the year.

"We have a big common for drilling on and after three hours out there in the open air, one feels like eating. I know I feel 10 per cent better than when I was in the boat.

"When it comes to drill and marching, Duffett and I put it all over the others. They have us as guides now, that is one on each end of the squad, for the others to take time from and to follow our example in general.

Church Parade.

We had a church parade this morning. We went to the Presbyterian Church. Last Sunday to the Church of England. I don't know where we will go next Sunday. I suppose we will visit all the Churches in turn. We went aboard the Stephano Friday night and had a nice supper. Mr. Jones is going to give us a turkey supper when she arrives here again. You may be sure that Ledingham and I will do justice to it.

"All the crowd is singing a hymn at present and I am getting added, so I guess I'll cut this letter off. Remember me to Marie, and Joe, and Louise. For the present, good-bye.

Second Letter.

In his second letter he says: "Dear Olive, Received your letter yesterday, and the candy also, which is much appreciated by the men in the gun squad. I have six pairs of heavy socks now, so I think I am well fixed for a while, although the ones we were issued with are not a patch on the Home made ones.

"I don't think I would bother about moving now even if the Governor did get word because we are too far advanced in our work now and we expect the machine guns any day."

Hall Equipment.

We have our rifles and bayonets and pretty well all of our kit. I hear they are going to give us a day's march of twenty miles to see how many will stand it. We had a mile and a quarter run yesterday and nearly half the regiment gave out. I managed to hold out but I was all in at the end of it.

"I don't see any possible way of getting home for Xmas so far. The Hal-

ifax people are giving the 25th a dinner and I hear there is to be no leave. I am crack shot in our section. I won a prize Friday of \$1.40, viz., 10s. a man. I had eight bulls and two inners for 10 shots, which I think is very good shooting. We are using the 'three Ross rifle, 1914 issue,' which are supposed to be the best made.

Heard Rev. Bond.

We had a church parade this morning to the Grafton St. Methodist Church, and Sir Robt. Bond's brother preached to us, and he certainly can preach, he almost had the whole bunch crying.

The Battalion is at full strength now and recruiting has stopped. The troops from the western provinces are starting to come here next week, there will be thirty thousand altogether. We went leave here much before the middle of January so you will have lots of time to finish the body belt. We have sweaters coats to wear under our tunics but I never wear mine. I find a Stanfield's undershirt and a flannel outside shirt almost too warm for drilling in; anyhow the weather is not very cold here yet. We are compelled to wear our great coats when we go out. They are just the same as Papa's only they are khaki color, and you know how heavy his is.

Proud of the Men.

As soon as we get our full equipment the Lieut. is going to have us photographed and I will have one taken of myself at the same time. Our Lieut. is a nice fellow and he is very proud of his section; two or three times the Major has complimented him on our smart appearance on parade, and he comes and tells us first things—of course we think as much of that as he does, and do our best to keep up to the mark.

I am putting in a very good time here. Duffett has a few friends and Ledingham a few more. Every week we have two or three parties, and then there are soldiers' concerts and sociables, all free for us. Friday night we were out to Mr. Reader's house, and had a splendid supper of stewed rabbit. Last night we were on board the Stephano to our tea. We get a royal reception every time we go on board.

I hope you will send me a nice cake for Xmas; you know we don't get any in the Armory.

Underrated Them.

I had a postal from Marie the other day. I see by it that George has enlisted. The St. John's boys certainly came forward for the second contingent. I did not think there was so much patriotism in the place. We are called the 25th Nova Scotia, but all

you hear is English, Irish and Scotch.

The Canadians are all in the Home Guard. Hanging around watching the searchlights is their job.

I will be sending down the remainder of my clothes next Stephano; you can put it away for me, I may need it again.

You must excuse this writing. I am sitting in my bunk and it's not very comfortable.

Remember me to Frank and Elsie, and tell them I will write soon.

I must close now with lots of love for you all.

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Holy Name Society Hold Anniversary And Elect Officers

Yesterday was the anniversary of the Holy Name Society and the members attended Mass at 8 o'clock and received the Holy Communion.

The Society met again at 3 p.m. for the regular monthly devotional exercises which concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The members then met at the Auld Maxima.

Owing to the lateness of the hour the presentation of annual reports was postponed until the monthly meeting in January.

The election of officers was held and resulted as follows:

President—T. J. Walsh, re-elected.

Vice-Pres.—John Hanlon, elected.

Treas.—J. P. Stapleton, re-elected.

Secretary—J. C. Chafe, re-elected.

Asst. Secy.—T. A. Murphy, re-elected.

Librarian—J. J. Whelan, elected.

Marshal—J. J. Rolis, elected.

The election was conducted by Mr. T. J. Allan.

A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman and aids for conducting the election; votes of thanks were also tendered to the Rev. Spiritual Director, Fr. Shears, and clergymen of the dioceses and the city press for courtesies, etc., during the year.

THE TRITONIA?

The public message last night announces the sinking of the Tritonia, by a mine, on the North of Ireland coast.

There is no British ship named the Tritonia, and shipping people here think it is the icebreaker Tritonia, so well-known in the paper and pulp trade.

The Tritonia arrived at Manchester on the 5th, and is believed to have left the other side last week.

Capt. Murray, who was in charge of the Tritonia, is well-known in St. John's.

Schr. Ronald G. Smith, seven days from Sydney, arrived to the Newfoundland Produce Co. yesterday with a cargo of coal.

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There is still room for volunteers, as if two hundred more came forward there would not be too many.

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Vice-Chairman—J. O'Toole.

Treasurer—T. Walsh.

Secretary—J. P. Kelly.

Band Guardians—F. J. Woods, W. Billingsley.

Visiting Committee—M. Coady and P. O'Brien.

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Salvage Does Goodly Share Of Loyal Work

People Give Liberally of Their Manhood and Their Means to Empire's Cause.

Salvage, Dec. 16, 1914.—A large and enthusiastic patriotic public meeting of the citizens of Salvage, Bishop's Hr., and vicinity under the presidency of the Rev. Mr. Leggo was held in the School Room at Salvage on Nov. 11th.

The following gentlemen, Rev. Mr. Leggo, Dr. Macdonald, Messrs. Thos. Brown, K. Brown, D. Dewey, and R. Ploughman ably addressed the meeting, lucidly demonstrating the predisposing and proximate, as well as the real and apparent causes of the war.

They also pointed out our responsibilities as citizens of the great British Empire, it being our imperative duty to assist in procuring men and money to defend our magnificent Empire, and bring the war to a successful issue.

The following gentlemen were unanimously elected as a Patriotic Committee, with power to add to their number, viz.—Mr. K. Brown, chairman; Dr. Macdonald, secretary; Mr. Dewey, treasurer; Messrs. Thos. Brown, Moses Brown, Charles Brown, Stanley Brown, Henry Brown, Henry J. Garrett.

At a subsequent meeting of the committee Messrs. H. J. Garrett, Stanley Brown, Henry Brown, Charles Brown, Thos. Brown, Moses Brown and Ethelbert Moss were appointed collectors for the Patriotic Fund. They realized the handsome sum of \$109.91.

I consider this a very creditable showing for our small settlement, more especially as a great many of our people have a poor fishery. We have also several of our young men in the Naval Reserve, serving their King and Country.—J. Mc.

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Watchman Ill

Mr. David Wells, watchman at C. F. Bennett & Co's was taken ill while at work last night.

Mr. Rendell was acquainted and called Dr. Burden, who ordered the man to the hospital where he was taken in the ambulance.

S.S. Stephano is due this evening from New York and Halifax.

Schr. Elizabeth N. has arrived at Bonne Bay from Bucksporte, Maine, to load herring for Gloucester.

rew. J. Elliott, F. Kelly, R. Heltier, A. Bussey, H. Dean, E. Williams, Misses Humphries, Gillett, Crane, Moores, O'Neil, Bursley; Mesdames Goss, Avery, in saloon, and sixty-five steerage.

THREE DEATHS AT THE HOSPITAL ON SATURDAY

MR. THOMAS HALL.
Mr. Thomas Hall, who was undergoing treatment at the General Hospital, died at the institution on Saturday.

Deceased was 69 years of age. The funeral took place this afternoon from his late residence 111 Long's Hill.

MR. STEPHEN FREEMAN.
Mr. Stephen Freeman, a well known resident of the city, passed away on Saturday evening after a brief illness.

Mr. Freeman was 56 years of age, and leaves a widow and one daughter. The funeral takes place tomorrow afternoon.

MR. GEORGE COLLINS.
Mr. George Collins of the General Post Office died at the hospital yesterday. He entered the institution recently to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. Collins was well-known and his almost sudden death will be mourned by a large circle of friends.

Broke Steam Pipe

The s.s. Sagona which left here last Wednesday for Sydney to load coal, broke her main steam pipe on the passage along.

She reached her destination without difficulty and will effect repairs rivied from Sydney early this morning.

With Broken Leg

William Neil of Spaniard's Bay met with a serious accident on Saturday when he fell and broke his left leg.

He was brought to the city by the Shore train Saturday night and taken to the hospital in the ambulance.

S. S. Tabasco arrived yesterday from Halifax. She sails again at noon tomorrow for Liverpool.

DEATHS

FREEMAN.—Saturday evening, at the General Hospital, after a brief illness, Stephen Freeman, aged 56 years, leaving a widow and one daughter.

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